

2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: HANCOCK
 COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: HAMILTON, MADISON, MARION
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: UPPER AND LOWER FALL CREEK
 PROJECT NAME: IMPLEMENTING BACKYARD CONSERVATION
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$70,000



Purpose: Implement backyard conservation in the Fall Creek Watershed

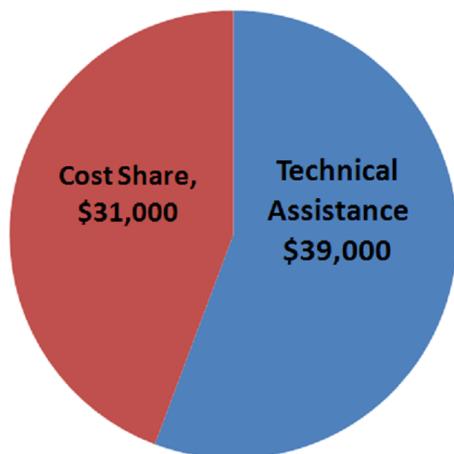


This program will focus on the installation of urban conservation practices in the Fall Creek Watershed using a Cost-Share Program. The Fall Creek watershed plan notes the lack of USDA conservation programs for urban land use. This grant request involves implementing urban conservation practices in areas ready to get conservation on the ground. The watershed plan identifies the need for urban practices to reduce nutrient loading, E.coli and excess sedimentation. Residents in the Fall Creek Watershed are eager to do their part for water quality.

The potential list of demonstration sites that will be utilized for education and promotion of the practices include: Ivy Tech Community College, Fort Harrison State Park, Mounds State Park, Fortville Public Library, Pendleton Historical Museum, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Fort Harrison Reuse Zone, Fort Harrison Retention Pond, Fort Golf Course, Nickel Plate Visitor Center, City of Anderson-Prairie Creek, Fall Creek Gardens, and the Ivy Tech Community College to explore opportunities to partner on an outdoor classroom directed at teaching students and the community conservation, utilizing the Fall Creek riverbed and natural setting.

PROJECT GOALS:

RAINGARDENS: 29
 NATIVE PLANTINGS: 60
 INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL: 9
 WETLAND ENHANCEMENTS: 3



The Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA) with our support has received an EPA 319 watershed grant for this watershed as well.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).



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